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1. SUMMARY. "GROUP OF 7" DC DELS HELD SECOND SESSION
MAY 25 ON DRAFT INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS TEXT. EXCEPT FOR
EC, DELS WERE STILL WITHOUT MEANINGFUL REACTIONS TO TEXT
FROM COUNTRY CAPITALS. BALANCE OF MEETING FOCUSSED ON
PROCEDURAL QUESTION OF LDC PARTICIPATION IN DRAFTING WORK
AND CONTINUED EC CONCERN WITH HANDLING OF EASTERN
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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN CODE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS OF MAY 25, KEY DC DELS EXCEPT EC WERE UNPREPARED
TO OFFER ANYTHING BUT BRIEF, VERY GENERAL AND MOSTLY
PERSONAL REACTIONS TO DRAFT INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS TEXT
DEVELOPED MAY 1 AND 2 (REFTEL). JAPAN (NOGAMI) NOTED
INFORMAL TOKYO REACTION "NOT VERY FAVORABLE" OWING TO

"READABILITY" PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PRESENTATION OF BRACKETED ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE. U.S., CANADA, SWITZERLAND, AND AUSTRALIA INDICATED THEY NOT PREPARED TO OFFER COMMENTS ON TEXT AS A WHOLE BUT EXPECTED INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NORDICS, WHO MEET NEXT WEEK IN HELSINKI TO CONSIDER TEXT, STILL SEE "GREAT DIFFICULTY" IN DOING MUCH ON INTEGRATED TEXT BEFORE GENERAL SHAPE OF CHAPTER 4 (MFN/SELECTIVITY/EXPORT RESTRAINTS) IS KNOWN.

3. EC (ABBOTT) NOTED MEMBER STATES HAD COMPLETED "FIRST READING" OF TEXT OVER 2 DAYS AND REPORTED THEY WOULD HAVE "MAJOR DIFFICULTIES" ON MANY POINTS. SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREA FOR EC IS CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 (NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION/SURVEILLANCE) WHERE MUCH TEXT SEEN AS TOO DETAILED AND RIGID. ABBOTT SAID CODE SHOULD PROVIDE A NUMBER OF GENERAL "INDICATIONS" OF WHAT A SURVEILLANCE BODY SHOULD DO BUT THAT ADDITIONAL, MORE DETAILED PROCEDURES SHOULD EVOLVE AFTER SURVEILLANCE BODY BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

4. EC THEN RETURNED TO ITS PROBLEM WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS CODE SIGNATORIES. (SEE GENEVA 3714, PARA.5) ABBOTT NOTED THAT IN EC'S VIEW SUCH COUNTRIES WOULD NOT REALLY BE ACCEPTING OBLIGATIONS OF CODE BUT SIGNATORY STATUS WOULD PERMIT THEM TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN DISRUPTIVE WAY IN CASES IN WHICH THEY HAVE NO REAL INTEREST. COMMISSION'S POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS ART. XXXV-LIKE PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISION PERMITTING DECLARATION THAT CODE NOT APPLICABLE BETWEEN SPECIFIED SIGNATORIES. U.S. AND OTHERS QUESTIONED EC CLOSELY ON WHY SPECIAL PROVISION NEEDED, BEYOND MAINTENANCE OF SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS OF PROTOCOLS OF ACCESSION. WE AGREED WITH JAPAN'S COMMENT THAT EC IDEA LOOKED LIKE TOO BROAD AN APPROACH TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEM AND OFFERED UNINTENDED POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING LOOPHOLES.

5. RE LDCS, ALL DELS AGREED THAT WE NEEDED TO FORMULATE PLAN FOR INVOLVING AT LEAST KEY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN SAFEGUARDS WORK. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION OF APPROPRIATE METHOD, IT WAS AGREED THAT U.S. SHOULD "ACCIDENTALLY" LET TEXT FIND WAY TO INDIAN, BRAZILIAN, HONG KONG, KOREAN, AND MEXICAN DELS WITH FOLLOW-UP ORAL BRIEFING BY DC GROUP SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. ("ACCIDENT" NECESSITATED BY TOKYO UNWILLINGNESS TO FORMALLY DISTRIBUTE DRAFT.) AT INSISTENCE OF NORDICS, AND TO LESSER EXTENT JAPAN, CHAPTER 4 (MFN/SELECTIVITY/EXPORT RESTRAINTS) REPRESENTED BY FILLER NOTE TO EFFECT THAT TEXT ON THOSE POINTS WOULD BE ADDED WHEN AVAILABLE. NORDICS ALSO REQUESTED DELETION OF ADJUSTMENT/"SOCIAL CLAUSE" TEXT.

6. NEXT "GROUP OF 7" SESSION TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR
JUNE 5 AND 7 WITH ADDITIONAL MEETINGS DURING BALANCE OF
WEEK AS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

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